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Merry Christmas from your SJB Staff!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL REFLECTION

This weekend as we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, we can also celebrate that we all belong to the family of God which makes us brothers and sisters.

At Christmas this year, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring the joy and hope to our "brothers and sisters" who are poor by assisting families with food, gifts, utility and rent bills and more. Thank you!

Thank you all so much for donating to the giving tree this year. Our conference is so blessed to have a parish family that is so attentive to the poor. We could not do this without your help!

Stewardship Offering

	December 12, 2021*
Envelopes:	\$ 21,396.89
Online:	\$ 4,415.00
DD:	\$ 14,828.16
Total:	\$ 40,640.05
Budget:	\$ 38,306.40
YTD Total:	\$ 868,807.59
YTD Budget:	\$ 919,353.60

* Due to an early deadline, the Dec. 19 collection will be published in the next bulletin.

Thank you for your gift to the Lord! Give Your "First Fruits" Back to God

To Parish5	5%
To Diocese	%
To Charities4	%

Giving Made Easy!

Would you find it helpful to have your offerings debited directly from your bank account as you may do for other payments? St. John the Baptist offers **electronic giving** for those who wish to have contributions transferred electronically and safely. Electronic giving gives you a convenient way to keep up with your offerings. Just go to *www.sjbnewburgh. org*, click on Parish, Giving, then Direct Debit Form – or contact Angie at (812) 490-1000 or aknust@ evdio.org and we can set it up for you. Thank you!



TODAY'S WORD:

"Jesus, Son of God, I worship you! Thank you for becoming man for me."

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Be the heart of Jesus by sharing His mercy and love. Be the hands of Jesus by serving one another. Be the feet of Jesus by walking in others' shoes.

PARISH LIFE

Thank You To Our Youth Groups For Spreading Some Holiday Cheer!!

Our Youth Groups are always active, especially in the area

of service to others! Their most recent service was to spread some joy for our elderly and homebound, some of whom live alone or are struggling with serious illnesses. Our young people first worked on making lawn decorations and then later put them in the yards and sang Christmas



songs. The smiles were more than enough to warm the hearts of all who participated. They later gathered to discuss the Nativity story in Luke, share some tacos and sweet treats and play some fun Christmas games. There were around 25 of our youth who attended. Thank you to Allie Folz, Susan Ripke, Kella Gerdeman, Kelli Potts, Lauren Grady, Denise Middendorf, Mary Hansen and of course Mike Fiedler for helping with the decorations and the driving!

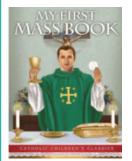
REMINDER: Masks Are STRONGLY Encouraged

Masks Are Required In The Area Behind The Choir—thank you!

BIRTHRIGHT COLLECTION AT CHRISTMAS MASSES

St. John's will participate in the annual **Birthright of Evansville Gifts for Newborns Collection** at all Christmas Eve and Day Masses. Items can be wrapped and placed in front of the Christmas Triptych (the three-paneled Christmas nativity scene) in the Narthex before Christmas Masses. These items are particularly needed: pacifiers, baby bottles & nipples, diapers (size 4 and 5 and newborn), size 0-3 boy and girl sleepers and gowns, baby towels, small soft toys (no beaded eyes), and anything for preemies.

To our youngest parishioners...



We are happy to announce that an angel donor has gifted the parish with **Mass books** for our children! We are so grateful for this gift and hope that this will make it easier for younger as well as older children to participate in the Mass. Two books will be kept in each of the pew book holders. Extra copies can be

found on the bottom of the carts that hold our missals in case you have more than two children in your group.

Welcome to St. John the Baptist Parish! How can we serve you? How can you serve the community?

Thank you for your interest in joining St. John the Baptist Parish! We are very happy that you have chosen to become a member of our parish family, and we welcome YOU! To pre-register, either complete this form and place it in the collection basket, mail it to the parish office, or visit www.sjbnewburgh.org, and click on "I'm New," then "Parish Registration Forms." We will then contact you to complete registration. We look forward to meeting you!

Name			
Address	City	State	_ Zip
Phone	_ Email		
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I am interested in ther	ministry.		

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UPCOMING MASS TIMES

SUNDAY MASS DECEMBER 26:

Sunday Mass will be celebrated at the usual times on Sunday, December 26 (7 AM, 8:45 AM, 11 AM and 5:30 PM). There will be no Saturday evening Mass on December 25.

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS:

Since New Year's (Solemnity of Mary) falls on a Saturday, Mass is not obligatory; however, there will be a Mass held at 9 AM that day.

Please watch the bulletin, web site and social media for changes or updates to this schedule or call (812) 490-1000.

TUESDAYS WITH FR. HENRY

Fr. Henry has a master's in counseling, training as a Companion on the Journey offering spiritual direction focused on daily meditations with Henri Nouwen, the Jesuits and Bishop Barron. He will offer Confession that focuses not only on God's forgiveness but forgiving ourselves and



learning to live in the present and let go of the past. Fr. Henry has openings for appointments on Tuesdays at 1 PM and 2 PM. Call the parish office at 812-490-1000 for an appointment. He is vaccinated and is open to those with the same.

Thank You For Blessing Our Nursing Home Residents!

Thank you to all of our parishioners who filled out cards for

our nursing home residents! Over seventy poinsettias were delivered along with cards to our Catholic nursing home residents. These gifts truly brought smiles to their faces! We were also able to provide approximately 80 Christmas

cards to other residents. These little things bring so much joy and happiness to those who receive them. As an added note, many of the



nursing homes are allowing visitors at this time for those who might be inspired to do more. These residents are so grateful for any expression of care that they receive!

SAVE THE DATE! FEBRUARY 26, 2022 K OF C TRIVIA NIGHT

ST. JOHN the BAPTIST

SJB Daily Mass Schedule (also live streamed at

www.sjbnewburgh.org) Monday: No Mass Wednesday: 7:00 am & 8:30 am Friday: 7:00 am & 8:30 am

SJB Weekend Mass Schedule

Tuesday: 9:00 am Thursday: 6:30 pm Saturday: 9:00 am

Saturday:5:00 pmSunday:7:00 am, 8:45 am, 11 am & 5:30 pmHoly Days:Schedule in bulletin and online a week prior.

Reconciliation

6:30-6:55 am Wed. and Fri.; 5:30-6:30 pm Thurs.; 4-4:30 pm Sat.; and 4:45-5:15 pm Sun. Communal Services announced.

Baptism/Confirmation Contact Parish Office

Matrimony Contact Parish Office at least six months prior to anticipated wedding date.

Anointing of the Sick Anytime by request prior to surgery or medical emergency.

Earphones available at Welcome Desk.

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NEW QR CODE FOR PARISH APP

The Text Method to download the WeConnect Parish App is no longer in service. Instead, we now have a QR code image that can be scanned to install the app on your mobile device. Simply scan this QR code here.

The app has parish news, Mass times, weekly homilies, prayer links and more. Be sure to get the app and be in the know for parish news!



PROJECT RACHEL

Project Rachel is a healing ministry of the Catholic Church that helps women and men whose lives have been touched by abortion. This pain can often increase during the holidays but you do not have to carry this alone. It is time to heal. The call is confidential - (812) 483-7812.

HOW TO HELP THOSE AFFECTED BY TORNADOES

On behalf of Bishop Siegel, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Evansville would like to provide some guidance for those who would like to support the recovery and relief efforts of the people impacted by the tornadoes that devastated Western Kentucky and other areas.

Catholic Charities USA is currently raising funds to help those Catholic Charities agencies impacted by the tornadoes. Donors may donate online at https://www.catholiccharities.us/.../ccusa.../c353051 or by mail to Catholic Charities USA; 2050 Ballenger Ave. Suite 400; Alexandria, VA 22314.

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Owensboro has also established a tornado relief fund to assist tornado and storm victims in their Diocese. Donors may donate online at https://owensborodiocese.org/give/ or by mail to Catholic Charities; Diocese of Owensboro; 600 Locust Street; Owensboro, KY 42301. Thank you!

Join Fr. Henry for a Lenten Group: ***RECLAIMING VATICAN II***

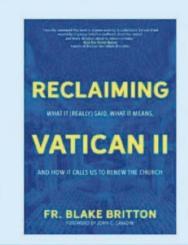
What it really said, what it means and how it calls us to renew the Church

Book by Blake Briton and published by Bishop Barron, Word on Fire

Fr. Henry Kuykendall is facilitating two Lenten groups at St. John the Baptist, Newburgh from Feb. 1 to April 12, 2022. Groups are Tuesdays from Noon - 1:30 PM in the Church Library (with masks and vaccine) or via ZOOM Tuesdays from 6:00 to 7:30 PM.

To register, call the SJB office at 812-490-1000 and provide your

name, number and email address. The cost of the book is \$20.



Welcome to St. John the Baptist Catholic Parish

PARISH LIFE





PRESCHOOL/PRE-K REGISTRATION

SJB Preschool and Pre-K Registration for the 2022-23 school year has moved to an online format. Please see the following links and dates they will open to pre-register.

Preschool Registration Links

Current SJB School Families

(Opened on 12/1/21 at 6:00 p.m.): https://forms.gle/2YomGFD38DMT7B9S6

Current SJB Parish Families

(Available on 1/5/22 at 6:00 p.m.): https://forms.gle/2PfQoTCqFkwhFBCk8

Public

(Available on 2/2/22 at 6:00 p.m.): https://forms.gle/snfKvZLG31fq9CT48

HEARING DEVICES AVAILABLE

We have hearing devices for those who need them during Mass. They are located at the Welcome Desk in the Narthex.

Charitable Distributions

If you are over 70 ½, consider making charitable donations from your IRA using a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). You can transfer up to \$100,000 per year to an eligible charity. This would be a great way to grow parish endowments, help with a special project, or pay your weekly giving in one lump sum. While a QCD does not generate a charitable deduction, you do not have to report the income. This is a great option for people to still get a tax benefit even though they are not able to itemize deductions. Charitable deduction rules can be very complicated, and you should work with your tax advisor to ensure you are maximizing the tax benefit of any donation.

Weekly Homily on SJB Web Site

Did you know that we post the **weekly homily** (audio) - as well as the full Mass - on the SJB web site every week? These are updated every Monday to feature the latest Mass & homily. To access these, simply go to www.sjbnewburgh.org and scroll down to the "Watch Mass - Live or Recorded" tab. They are located directly below the Live Stream link.

MOTHER TERESA TREASURES CLOSED OVER HOLIDAYS

Mother Teresa Treasures will be closed from **December 23 through January 2**, opening again on January 3. Please remember that items can not be dropped off when the store is closed. Thank you for your support in 2021!

Project 168: Perpetual Adoration

It's not too late to sign up for Adoration - can you give just 1 hour a week or month to Jesus? Call the parish office!

625 Frame Road-Newburgh, Indiana

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PLEASE JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF ENTERTAINMENT & BIDDING AS THE ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PTSA PRESENTS:

EAT, DRINK & BE GIVING...UNDER THE BIG TOP

DATE: LOCATION: SHOW TIME: ONLINE TICKETS: JANUARY 29, 2022 FRIEDMAN PARK EVENT CENTER 6:30 PM <u>HTTPS://ONE.BIDPAL.NET/UNDERTHEBIGTOP</u>

ALL PROCEEDS FROM THIS EVENT SUPPORT ST JOHN THE BAPTIST PTSA. FOR MORE INFORMATION ON HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT THIS EVENT, PLEASE VISIT US AT THE WEB ADDRESS ABOVE, EMAIL <u>ROARINFO 1@GMAIL.COM</u> OR FIND US ON THE ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC SCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGE UNDER EVENTS ROAR 2022. SJB

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BACKPACK PROGRAM FOOD DRIVE

Help us continue to bless the over 100 students dealing with food insecurity in the Warrick Co.
Elementary Schools. Your donations will be used throughout the school year. Shelf-stable,
healthy, individual servings of fruits, veggies, meals and snacks are perfect! Plus, water
bottles, shelf-stable milk, and 100% juice boxes.

DROP OFF DONATIONS IN THE BINS IN THE NARTHEX THROUGH DECEMBER 18TH.

For more information on the Food Drive or Backpack Program, call **Summer Wright** at 812-490-1000 or email swright@evdio.org.

If you would like to make a monetary donation, please make checks out to SJB with Backpack Program in the Memo Line and place in the collection basket or drop off in the Parish Office.

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CELEBRATIONS

We are not called upon to do all the good possible but only that which we can do. -St. Mother Theodore Guerin



Ministry Opportunities

Opportunities to Serve, Summer Wright
Adoration, Connie Pierce
Adult Education, Mary Grady
Bereavement Dinners,
Boy Scouts, Brad Ruppel
CAJE Justice Ministry, Donna Hurm
Cemetery, Eldon Hopkins
Companions on Journey, Kathy Borkowski
Cub Scouts, Catherine Rawlinson
Cursillo/Ultreya,
Finance, Brad Rust
Fit/50, Jackie Spring
Food Pantry, Linda Gray/Leslie Grimm
Gardening Angels, Mimi Scheessele
Girl Scouts, Trudy Day
Golden Group (Mature Adults), Barb Hillyer
Haiti,
Knights of Columbus, William Strathmann
Liturgical Ministers, Hannah Brasher
Liturgy of the Word/Children, Mary Grady
Living Legacy, Parish Office
Mass Intentions, Parish Office
Men's Club, Don Howard
Mother Teresa Treasures, Store
Mother to Mother,sjbmother2mother@gmail.com
Nursery Coordinator, Mary Grady
Nursing Home Euch. Ministers, Parish Office
Parish Pastoral Council, Kelli Potts
Prayer Network/Requests, Call Parish Office
Prayer Snawi, Barb Hamilton
Quilters, Suzanne Barnett
RCIA , Mary Grady
SCRIP, Parish Office
Servers, Parish Office
Soup Kitchen, Jeff Kropfl (odd months)
Frank Howard (even months)
St. Vincent DePaul, Jenny Relleke
Stewardship, Call Parish Office
Visitation Ministry, Mary Grady
Web Page, Janice Jillson
Welcome, Parish Office
WOW, Mel Sermersheim
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Mass Schedule/Intentions December 25, 2021-January 2, 2022

Sat.		No 5 pm Mass
Sun.	7:00 am	Amy Sutton
	8:45 am	Julie Olinger
	11:00 am	Our Parish
	5:30 pm	Nina Lance
Mon		No Mass
Tues.	9:00 am	Mike Killebrew
Wed.	7:00 am	Emily Lines
Thur.	6:30 pm	Anthony Pazera
Fri.	7:00 am	Earl & Nova Goffinet
Sat.	9:00 am	St Clare Society
	5:00 pm	Dan Peters
Sun.	7:00 am	Daniel Fuller
	8:45 am	Our Parish
	11:00 am	William & Wilma Thyen
	5:30 pm	Sam Featherstone

Please remember these parishioners on the anniversary of their death:

2 000 20	Bernard Edward Herr 2000 Amy Sutton 1989 Maria Flor Taylor 2008	Bill Hirsch Sr. 2018 Helen Ptaszek 1992
2 000 27	James Kandal 1996 Daniel Kirsch 2002	Lillian Mae Tucker 2006
Dec. 29	Joan M. Wilmes 1993	Hubert A. Wilmes 1993
Dec. 30	Rose Eble 1973	Sylvester Mehling 1981
	Leo B. Miller 2008	
Dec. 31	Jacob Becker 1943	Mae Brack 1963
	Nova Goffinet 2015	
Jan. 1	Gary Moog 1984	Edwin Goffinet 2009
	Joyce Moore 2009	James D. Kleeman 2019
Jan. 2	Clint Walter 2007	Sam Featherstone 2013
	Billy Ray Small 2020	

Scripture Reading for Next Sunday

Jan. 2-EPIPHANY OF THE LORD Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

We have parishioners in hospitals, at home, in assisted living and in nursing homes who are ill. Please remember them, their families, and the medical personnel who care for them.

PLEASE NOTIFY the parish office, 490-1000, if you or a loved one is admitted to an area hospital or nursing home so we can add you to our prayers.

> **Prayers** Please For all who have died in December.





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